

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls on my prepaid cell phone would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume residential customers who have prepaid cell phones for emergencies would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This may make these phones unaffordable for many in the rural areas where having one of these phones may be the difference between life and death.

I use my wireless phone for safety, and security. I have purchased the prepaid phones for my children for the same reason. I don't want to lose these benefits. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee, or at least exempt prepaid low use cell phones from the flat fee.

Thank You for listening.

Sincerely,

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